IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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: PACKING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as follow

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Four Times Amended) Packing comprising a plurality of internally reinforced

braiding yarns,

each of said internally reinforced braiding yarns including a plurality of

longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarns held together by expanded graphite integrally

bonded to and surrounding [to] said reinforcing fiber yarns with adhesive, and

[a] said plurality of said internally reinforced braiding yarns being braided together.

Please add the following new claims:

3. The packing as defined in claims 2, wherein said internally reinforced braiding

varns being square braided together.

The packing as defined in claims 2, wherein said expanded graphite having a

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